

MISSOURI COURTS

WORKING
TOGETHER
TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
EVERY DAY

2025 Executive Report

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Together,
our courts
helped
Missourians
resolve
1.41 million cases
last year

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Decided at all levels of
our state court system

***Supreme Court
of Missouri***

503

***Missouri
Court of
Appeals***

2,211

Local Circuit Courts

1,407,360

MOST CASES are resolved locally

811,107 municipal cases
(traffic, ordinance violations)



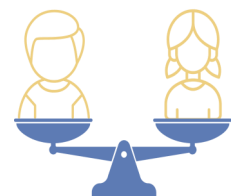
169,651 criminal cases
(felonies, misdemeanors, local)

366,544 civil cases
(civil, domestic, small claims)



48,367 probate cases
(estates, mental health)

11,691 juvenile cases
(delinquency, abuse/neglect)

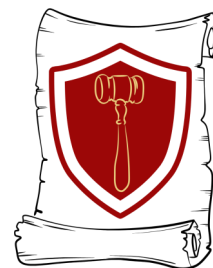


MISSOURI COURTS help you



Granted guardianships or conservatorships

for 3,062 incapacitated/disabled adults
and 3,101 minors



Issued protection orders

for 10,737 adults and 1,330 children



Helped children

in 5,281 abuse and neglect cases



Finalized estates

For 6,580 people who have died



Certified adoptions

for 2,600 children finding their
“forever” homes

Courts also
team with
community partners
**to solve
problems**
across Missouri

SPOTLIGHT ON TEAMWORK

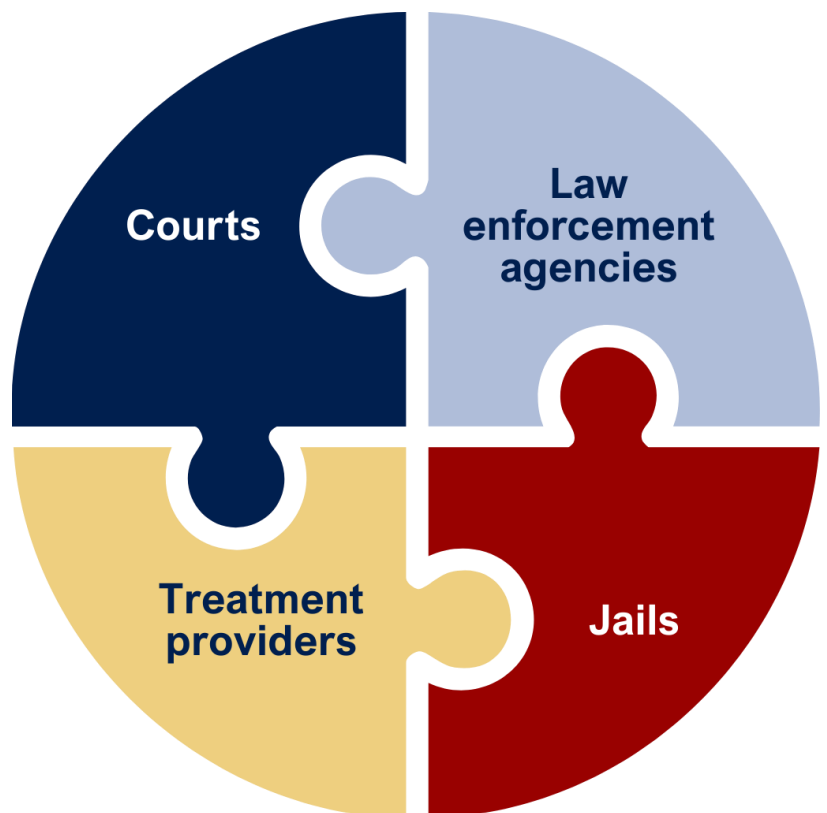
Pretrial services improve public safety and *save taxpayer dollars*



By keeping those who pose a danger to our communities behind bars pending trial and improving court appearance rates for others, we save the state and local communities unnecessary detention costs while enhancing public safety.

Extraordinary collaboration with community partners ...

- ◆ Identifies available resources and service gaps for criminal defendants in every single county in our state
- ◆ Enables communities to divert low-risk defendants from jail into treatment
- ◆ Conserves precious financial resources in local jails and prisons



SPOTLIGHT ON TEAMWORK

Treatment court programs are the gold standard for collaborative success

For more than a quarter-century, treatment courts have proven successful in breaking destructive cycles for many offenders and closing the revolving door between our criminal justice system and the communities we serve.



Community-based teams address substance abuse and mental health issues at the root of many crimes, which ...



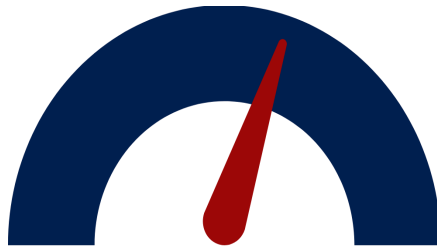
- ◆ Diverts low-risk offenders away from incarceration
- ◆ Lowers the risk of those individuals reoffending
- ◆ Allows offenders to keep working, paying taxes, and supporting their families
- ◆ Keeps children out of foster care
- ◆ Increases the number of babies born drug-free
- ◆ Reduces crime

MISSOURI COURTS change lives



In 2025, treatment courts helped **6,144 people**

2,270 *new participants*



Age at admission

Range > 17 to 85 years

Average > 39 years

Participants
***successfully
graduating***



Missouri
courts are a
sound investment
of public resources

COURT TECHNOLOGY helps you

Key court systems are Missouri Made and the *envy of the nation*



Our new Show-Me Courts statewide case management system, e-filing system, and Case.net system all are built in-house, from scratch, to serve the unique needs of Missourians in Missouri courts.

We crossed the finish line in 2025, completing a yearslong transition to Show-Me Courts

- ◆ Our new statewide case management system serves courts at all levels, from municipal divisions to our state's highest court
- ◆ Replaced a vendor-developed product in use for more than 30 years but no longer compatible with modern computer operating systems
- ◆ Designed and built by the talented team in Missouri's state courts administrator's office
- ◆ Succeeded through the dedication and hard work of court staff and judicial leadership in every corner of the state



COURT TECHNOLOGY helps you



More than 2 BILLION hits in 2025

- ◆ Provides access to more than 29.4 million public case records
- ◆ Averages more than 6.2 million hits a day

Easy online case filings

6.7 million documents last year



Convenient online payments

Defendants used ***Plead & Pay*** for 131,367 transactions to pay fines, and people used ***Pay By Web*** for 117,116 transactions to pay other judgments owed

Remote public access

More than 13.4 million public case documents from your device at work, home or on the go



Virtual court proceedings

Used by 428,300 participants for a total of 5.2 million minutes in 81,800 meetings

Increasing public use and demand for our court technology proves the positive impacts of the state's investments.



MISSOURI COURTS spend money wisely

**\$321
million**



**FY2026
budget**

Where the money goes:

74.9%
Circuit Courts



10%
State Courts
Administrator



7.7%
Technology
Expenses



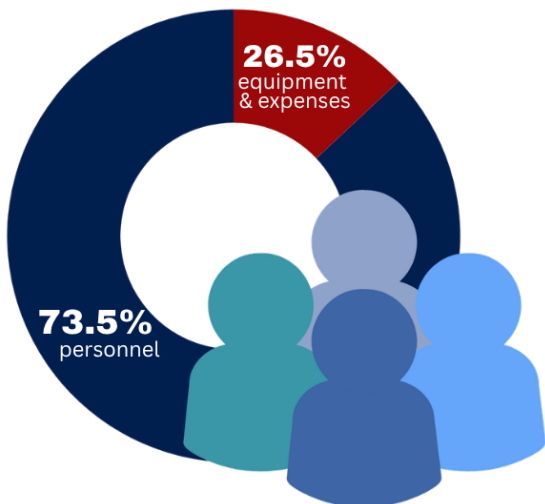
5%
Court of Appeals



2.4%
Supreme Court



73.5% goes to local court personnel



30.7% > judges & commissioners

3.9% > circuit clerks

5.6% > court reporters

59.7% > other court employees

MISSOURI COURTS

Working together
to make a difference
every day



Brent Powell, originally from Springfield, is one of seven judges on the Supreme Court of Missouri. He joined the Court in 2017 and is serving as Missouri's chief justice from July 2025 through June 2027.



Our founders built a government from the ground up, not the top down, and our judiciary is made up of people. So when you think of the "judiciary," think of the nearly 6,000 people working throughout Missouri's state courts.

Last year, our courts resolved more than 1.4 million cases. Most never generated a headline, but every single one profoundly affected the people involved. And none of those dispositions would have been possible without the dedicated, hard-working staff on the front lines of courthouses in every corner of our state.

MISSOURI COURTS working for you



The seven-judge team at the Supreme Court of Missouri:

(Back row, from left): Judge Ginger Gooch, from Springfield; Judge Paul Wilson, from Jefferson City; Judge Kelly Broniec, from Montgomery City; and Judge Mary Russell, from Hannibal

(Front row, from left): Judge Zel Fischer, from Tarkio; Chief Justice Brent Powell, from Springfield; and Judge Robin Ransom, from St. Louis

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